

Eagle Grove

November 15<sup>th</sup>

Dear father,

We regret very much that you did not come home, we are sadly disappointed. We long to see you. It would be a source of great pleasure - nay inexpressible pleasure to see you once more. It seems that you are determined not to come home, we were expecting you daily. Our anxiety to see you and the anticipated joy in welcoming you once more are feelings that cannot be described. We looked for you again and again, we looked down the old line road five thousand times a day. Every traveller that passed by we asked him if he knew or had heard anything respecting you,

Every mail that has come for  
the last three months we  
have said to ourselves, "we will  
be certain to hear from Par  
this mail" unhappily for us  
the long looked for has not  
come as yet, we will however  
"hope on hope ever". The  
last news we heard from you  
was through Sampson Adams  
<sup>reports</sup> that you was busily crippled  
& "a perfect used up man"  
not able to travel on account  
of rheumatism, we were very  
to hear this and we earnestly  
hope that you have long  
to find this friend some  
relief, your friends and relations  
feel deeply interested about  
your health, your good old  
friend Lewis Byington has  
offered several very feeling  
and touching prayers in your  
behalf, he asks about you  
often, and would be happy

to see you, Mr Byington  
has been very kind and good  
to us, and we humbly hope  
that his kinship towards  
us has not only been duly  
appreciated but returned,

our ~~good~~ good old gran  
mother is still alive and  
doing well, her health is  
very good at this time, I  
heard from her to day, she  
always speaks in very affectionate  
terms of you, and weeps because  
you are not here,

Sister Lavinia  
and her children are well we  
hear from them often, and  
see each other daily almost.  
Sister Malina & children are  
also well, our dear little sis  
ter Rhoda's health is and has  
been excellent, she is very lively  
cheerful & happy, Aunt Rhoda  
and the other girls think a  
great deal of her, they make  
great to do when she comes about

Sister Rhoda is the lioness of  
all our social & family  
meetings, we all feel very  
proud of her, we all pass  
the time very pleasantly and  
happily in each other's com-  
pany, no discord, heart burn-  
ings or jealousies.

My dear little  
gent has grown considerably  
and is improving un-  
usually, she is fat, plump and  
full of life, she is quite a  
character, very concited - but  
her conceit is <sup>of a</sup> very amiable  
and pleasant character,  
the most interesting part  
about her, she is passion-  
ately fond of Books that  
had pictures in them, and  
makes out that she can  
read, Mary's health is very  
good, Peter & Sam are well,  
our love sends you much  
love and wish you success  
in all your undertakings, our  
little gent says she sends you  
"two Street Kisses" good bye  
your affectionate  
D.D.P.